

WHEREAS, traffic-related injuries are the leading cause of all injury deaths in America and the leading cause of death for people ages six through 33 years old;

WHEREAS, when used correctly, lap and shoulder belts reduce the risk of fatal or serious occupant injury to front seat passengers by 45 to 55 percent;

WHEREAS, child safety seats are the most effective occupant protection devices used in motor vehicles today, and when used correctly, they are 71 percent effective in reducing fatalities in children age five and younger;

WHEREAS, one of the best defenses against the drunk and drugged driver is the use of safety belts combined with air bags for adults, and the use of properly installed child safety seats and booster seats, in the rear seat of most vehicles;

WHEREAS, through continued public awareness, education, and enforcement of Maryland's seat belt and child passenger safety laws, death and serious injury can be significantly reduced;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SUSAN R. HOFFMANN, Mayor, along with the Council of the City of Rockville, do hereby proclaim May 1– May 31, 2008 as **Click It or Ticket Safety Belt Enforcement Month**, and urge all citizens of our City and surrounding areas to always wear their safety belts when driving or riding on our roadways, now and in the future.

Mayor Susan R. Hoffmann

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Councilmember Piotr Gajewski
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Councilmember Anne M. Robbins

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